

## Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 SEOUL 03103 170623Z  
ACTION EA-12

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 HA-05 L-03 CIAE-00 DODE-00 INR-10  
NSAE-00 PA-01 ICA-11 SP-02 NSC-05 /050 W  
-----043686 170624Z /15  
P 170557Z APR 78  
FM AMEMBASSY SEOUL  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 0492

C O N F I D E N T I A L SEOUL 3103

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: SHUM PINS KS US  
SUBJ: TRIAL OF AUTHOR AND PUBLISHER: PROSECUTION DEMANDS PUNISHMENT

REF: SEOUL 2858 AND PREVIOUS

1. TRIAL OF AUTHOR YI YONG-HUI AND PUBLISHER PAEK NAK-CHONG  
CONTINUED ON APRIL 15 IN SEOUL DISTRICT COURT. SOME TWO HUNDRED  
STUDENTS ATTENDED.

2. PROSECUTOR ASKED COURT TO FIND ACCUSED GUILTY AND SENTENCE  
YI TO FIVE YEARS AND PAEK TO THREE YEARS AT HARD LABOR. SUMMING  
UP HIS ARGUMENTS, PROSECUTOR POINTED OUT THAT PROFESSOR YI HAD  
CHOSEN ONLY THOSE ARTICLES OR PARTS OF ARTICLES BY FOREIGN  
WRITERS WHICH PRAISED MAO TZE TUNG AND THE RED CHINESE REGIME.  
IF YI HAD ADDED ANY FOOTNOTES TO GUIDE READERS TO A MORE  
BALANCED UNDERSTANDING OF CHINESE COMMUNISM, PROSECUTOR WOULD  
NOT HAVE CHARGED YI WITH VIOLATING ANTI-COMMUNIST LAW.  
ACCORDING TO PROSECUTOR, YI'S WORK AS WRITTEN TENDS TO CONFUSE  
GENERAL PUBLIC AND ENHANCES STATUS OF NORTH KOREA AND OTHER  
COMMUNIST REGIMES. PROSECUTOR MAINTAINED THAT EVEN IF  
YI IS NOT A COMMUNIST HIMSELF, HE HAS VIOLATED ARTICLE 4,  
PARAGRAPH 1 OF ANTI-COMMUNIST LAW BY PRAISING COMMUNISM.

3. DEFENSE ATTORNEYS CALLED FOR ACQUITTAL. THEY REFERRED  
TO WITNESSES WHO HAD TESTIFIED TO PROFESSOR YI'S EMINENCE  
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 SEOUL 03103 170623Z

AS AN AUTHORITY ON CHINA. THEY ARGUED THAT YI'S ANALYSIS  
OF PHENOMENA WAS OBJECTIVE AND THAT PRESENTATION OF TRUTH  
EVEN WHEN IT MIGHT HIGHLIGHT MAO'S CONTRIBUTION TO CHINESE  
NATIONALISM DID NOT CONSTITUTE PRAISE OF COMMUNISM.

4. THREE MORE DEFENSE LAWYERS WILL MAKE THEIR FINAL  
ARGUMENTS AND ACCUSED WILL BE PERMITTED TO MAKE PERSONAL

STATEMENTS AT NEXT TRIAL SESSION ON APRIL 21.

SNEIDER

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

## Message Attributes

**Automatic Decaptioning:** X  
**Capture Date:** 01 jan 1994  
**Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Current Classification:** UNCLASSIFIED  
**Concepts:** TRIALS, WRITERS, COURT PROCEEDINGS, JOURNALISTS  
**Control Number:** n/a  
**Copy:** SINGLE  
**Draft Date:** 17 apr 1978  
**Decaption Date:** 01 jan 1960  
**Decaption Note:**  
**Disposition Action:** RELEASED  
**Disposition Approved on Date:**  
**Disposition Case Number:** n/a  
**Disposition Comment:** 25 YEAR REVIEW  
**Disposition Date:** 20 Mar 2014  
**Disposition Event:**  
**Disposition History:** n/a  
**Disposition Reason:**  
**Disposition Remarks:**  
**Document Number:** 1978SEOUL03103  
**Document Source:** CORE  
**Document Unique ID:** 00  
**Drafter:** n/a  
**Enclosure:** n/a  
**Executive Order:** GS  
**Errors:** N/A  
**Expiration:**  
**Film Number:** D780171-0513, D780163-1103  
**Format:** TEL  
**From:** SEOUL  
**Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Image Path:**  
**ISecure:** 1  
**Legacy Key:** link1978/newtext/t19780449/aaaabp dv.tel  
**Line Count:** 64  
**Litigation Code IDs:**  
**Litigation Codes:**  
**Litigation History:**  
**Locator:** TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM  
**Message ID:** d84b88ac-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc  
**Office:** ACTION EA  
**Original Classification:** CONFIDENTIAL  
**Original Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Original Previous Classification:** n/a  
**Original Previous Handling Restrictions:** ONLY  
**Page Count:** 2  
**Previous Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Previous Classification:** CONFIDENTIAL  
**Previous Handling Restrictions:** ONLY  
**Reference:** 78 SEOUL 2858  
**Retention:** 0  
**Review Action:** RELEASED, APPROVED  
**Review Content Flags:**  
**Review Date:** 06 may 2005  
**Review Event:**  
**Review Exemptions:** n/a  
**Review Media Identifier:**  
**Review Release Date:** n/a  
**Review Release Event:** n/a  
**Review Transfer Date:**  
**Review Withdrawn Fields:** n/a  
**SAS ID:** 2942768  
**Secure:** OPEN  
**Status:** NATIVE  
**Subject:** TRIAL OF AUTHOR AND PUBLISHER: PROSECUTION DEMANDS PUNISHMENT  
**TAGS:** SHUM, PINS, KS, US, (YI YONG-HUI)  
**To:** STATE  
**Type:** TE  
**vdkgvwkey:** odb://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS\_Docs/d84b88ac-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc  
**Review Markings:**  
Sheryl P. Walter  
Declassified/Released  
US Department of State  
EO Systematic Review  
20 Mar 2014  
**Markings:** Sheryl P. Walter Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 20 Mar 2014